

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action dated 23 February 2007 are respectfully requested. Claims 25-54 were previously cancelled. Claims 1-24 and 55-80 were pending in the application prior to this Amendment.

Applicant acknowledges that Claims 67 and 80 are indicated as presenting allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has reviewed the office action mailed 02/23/07 and cannot identify an explicit 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection, but does identify an objection to an informality in Claim 1 wherein the phrase "he media" should be --the media--. Applicant has corrected this typographical error in claim 1 as well as in claims 17 and 24 where it also appears.

Applicant further notes that allowable claim 67 is a claim that derives from and includes all of the elements of independent claim 1, claim 66, and of course the elements in claim 67. Applicant similarly notes that allowable claim 80 is a claim that derives from and includes all of the elements of independent claim 17, claim 79, and of course the elements in claim 80.

The instant application was originally filed in July 2001 and has been pending for nearly six years and is under final rejection. For business reasons and without admitting the propriety of the rejections to the claims identified in the present office action, Applicant has amended the claims to place all of the claims in condition for allowance.

In particular, Applicant has amended claim 1 to add the claim elements and limitations that were presented in allowable claim 67, that is has added the elements and limitations from claims 66-67 to claim 1. Applicant has also cancelled claims 66-67 solely for the purpose of avoiding presentation of a duplicate claim. With these amendments, Applicant submits that claim 1 as well as all claims dependent directly or through and intervening claim from claim 1 (e.g., claims 2-14 and 55-65) are in condition for allowance. Furthermore, Applicant has amended claim 17 to add the claim elements and limitations that were presented in allowable claim 80, that is has added the elements and limitations from claims 79-80 to claim 17. Applicant has also cancelled claims 79-80 solely for the purpose of avoiding presentation of a duplicate claim. With these amendments, Applicant submits that claim 17 as well as all claims dependent directly or through and intervening claim from

claim 17 (e.g., claims 18-23 and 68-78) are in condition for allowance. These amendments bring within the scope of allowability the dependent claims without need to renumber there dependences from claims 67 or 80.

Claim 24 which is similar to claim 17, but with some differences, has also been amended to add the claim elements and limitations from claims 79-80, and Applicant respectfully submits that with these amendments claim 24 is also in condition for allowance.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims as they were pending in the application before the amendments herein in a later related patent application,

Applicant notes that claims 25-54 were withdrawn and later cancelled in response to earlier restriction/election requirements imposed by the Office.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the claims pending in the application comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and patentably define over the prior art. As the present amendment is believed to place the application in condition for allowance, entry of the amendment, and provision of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at (650) 838-4367 in the event that any issue is identified that would preclude issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees as indicated above, any additional required fees which may be due, including any fees for added claims or Petitions for Extension of time not otherwise paid for, and to charge any variance or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2207 (Attorney Docket 62357-8006.US01).

Respectfully submitted,
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